

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Bloomington Common Council-Committee of the Whole**  
**Council Chambers, Bloomington City Hall, 401 N. Morton St.**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Meeting called to order: 8:02pm  
Chairwoman Susan Sandberg presided.

**Members present:** Rollo, Sgambelluri, Rosenbarger, Sims, Volan, Piedmont-Smith, Flaherty, Smith, Sandberg

1. **Ordinance 20-03** To Amend Title of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled “Business Licenses and Regulations” – Re: Adding Chapter 4.32 (Non-Consensual Towing Businesses)

**Synopsis:** This ordinance, initiated and shaped by the efforts of former Councilmember Andy Ruff and former Councilmember Dorothy Granger, amends BMC Title 4 by adding a new Chapter 4.32 to provide for the licensing and regulation of towing companies that engage in the practice of non-consensual tows. The ordinance includes provisions related to licensing requirements, insurance coverage, signage requirements, fee limitations, and the retrieval of towed vehicles, among other provisions. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase community safety and protect residents from the harmful effects associated with predatory commercial private towing.

**Asked to attend:** Stephen Lucas, Deputy Council Attorney  
Mike Rouker, City Attorney

**MOTION:** Piedmont-Smith moved and it was seconded to structure deliberation.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by a vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Pass: 0

**MOTION:** Volan moved and it was seconded to pass Am 01 which increases the base tow fee from \$125 to \$135.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by a vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Pass: 0

**MOTION:** Volan moved to approve a friendly amendment to Am 02 by striking the following “...has been issued either an official warning or...” from Am 02.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION:** Volan moved and it was seconded to pass Am 02.

**ACTION:** The motion passed with a vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Pass: 2 (Volan, Sandberg)

**MOTION:** Sims moved and it was seconded to pass Am 03 which changes the words “Controller’s Office” to “City.”

**ACTION:** The motion was passed by a vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Pass: 0.

**MOTION:** Volan moved and it was seconded to withdraw Am 04 that proposes an administrative fee of \$25.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved by a vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Pass: 0

**MOTION:** Sims moved and it was seconded to have an additional hearing at a COW on February 26, 2020.

**ACTION:** The motion failed to pass with a voice vote of Ayes: 3 (Volan, Smith, Rollo), Nays: 4 (Flaherty, Sandberg, Sims, Sgambelluri), Pass: 0.

**MOTION:** Volan moved and it was seconded to return Ordinance 20-03 as recommend do-pass.

**ACTION:** The motion passed with a vote of Ayes: 5 (Rollo, Sgambelluri, Sims, Sandberg, Flaherty), Nays: (Smith, Volan), Pass: 0.

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:28 pm

**Memorandum prepared by:**  
Sofia McDowell, Chief Deputy Clerk  
City of Bloomington